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Applicants: Kathryn J. Hofmann et al.

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For: RECOMBINANT PAPILLOMAVIRUS
TYPE 18 VACCINE

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In Claim 23, ~~second line~~, delete the first occurrence of -- the L1 protein,--

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of April 3, 1997. Claims 13-24 are pending. Claim 23 was amended to delete a typographical error. No new matter has been added.